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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/824,272	Applicant(s) HONDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Zia R. Hashmi	Art Unit 2881	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuda et al. (5,813,233), in view of Hara (US 2004/0035570 A1).

3. With respect to independent claims 1, 13, 16, 19-23, and 26 and dependent claims 10-12 and 15, Okuda et al. disclose applicant's basic inventive concept of a temperature adjustment or cooling apparatus comprising a radiational member (41,42 in Fig. 20) spaced apart from a rear surface of a cooled optical element (39); a detector for detecting temperature of the optical element (52-55, Fig. 27) as input to a controller (Fig. 28) for controlling the constant reference temperature of the optical element at a predetermined target value; a shielding element (16 in Fig. 8) for reducing radiation heat; a heat transfer system comprising a coolant channel for coolant to flow through for adjusting the temperature (50 in Fig. 24); a cold plate (2 in Fig. 9); and a Peltier element (1 in Fig. 9) located on the other side of the optical member of the first radiation member (1b in Fig. 9).

4. With respect to claims 1-9, 13-14, and 16-26, Okuda et al. fail to disclose an extreme ultraviolet (EUV) light source, or reflection-type optical element. Hara, however,

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discloses an exposure apparatus (para 0002, line 3), wherein the light from the source is EUV light (paras 0005 & 0006), an optical element arranged on an optical path from the light source to the object is all reflection-type element (paras 0007 and 0017) stored in a vacuum (para 0011, lines 5-6, para 0013, lines 2-3, and para 0032, lines 3-8), and stop means arranged at the incidence side of an optical member for limiting incidence light to the optical member (para 0043, lines 1-4 and MP, M & L in Fig. 2).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of the invention was made to combine methods and apparatus of Okuda et al. and Hara, because Hara teaches (para 0012) that in order to have intended optical performance of an exposure apparatus, cooling apparatus adjustment is necessary for reducing deformation of an optical element due to thermal expansion, that would otherwise deteriorate its imaging performance.

Conclusion

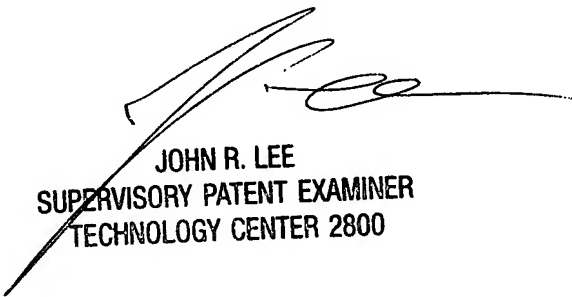
5. Nasu et al. disclose (6,856,475) an optical module having temperature adjustment features.
6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zia Hashmi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2473. The examiner can normally be reached between 8.30 AM- 5 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477.

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May 5, 2005



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